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Dear Dave and Jeff:

As a cooperating Agency, we thank you for granting us this status and allowing us to participate in developing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis (HUWDSA). As you have recognized, we do have expertise in a wide range of issues addressed in this EIS. The primary subject to be address by Uinta County, Wyoming is how your decision will affect the "Social and Economic" aspect of Uinta County and its' citizens.

You have two alternatives that have been analyzed in detail for this analysis as follows:

Alternative One – Terminate Livestock Grazing – this No Grazing alternative would remove domestic sheep from grazing in the project area and they would no longer be permitted to graze in this area.

Alternative One would cause the loss of \$22,900,000 in economic activity and the loss of 338 jobs to the economy of Uinta County. Alternative One would also be extremely detrimental to maintaining the custom, culture, heritage, economic viability and social stability of Uinta County and its' citizens.

Alternative Two – Continue Livestock Grazing - the Forest Service Proposed Action alternative would authorize domestic sheep grazing to continue on their current allotments in the project area.

Uinta County supports Alternative Two and requests that the Forest Service select Alternative Two, as their Record of Decision in the final HUWDSA EIS which will authorize the continued grazing of domestic sheep on their current allotments in the project area.

Alternative Two will prevent the loss of \$22,900,000 in economic activity and the loss of 338 jobs to the economy of Uinta County, and meet the objective of Uinta County, Wyoming by protecting and maintaining the custom, culture, heritage, economic viability and social stability of Uinta County and its' citizens; as required by law.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric South".

Eric South, Chairman
The Board of Uinta County Commissioners

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